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Honorable Frank Tejeda
House of Representatives
323 Cannon House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Tejeda:

This is in reply to your letter of April 12, 1993, in which you inquired on

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April 12, 1993

Ms. Linda Townsend Solheim
Director, Legislative Affairs
Federal Communications Commission
Room 808
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Solheim:

A number of my constituents have written me concerning the Private Land Mobile Radio Services, PR Docket No. 92-235. For your reference, I have enclosed a copy of each of these letters and any related information I have received.

Please address the concerns raised by my constituents and forward your response to me so that I may update them on the situation.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,


Frank Tejeda
Member of Congress

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The Honorable Frank Tejeda
United States House of Reps.
Washington, D.C. 20510

15 February 1993

Dear Mr. Tejeda,

I am a member of the Alamo Radio Control Society here in San Antonio. We have a very active club involved in the construction and flying of radio-controlled model airplanes. I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Our models are expensive to build, and they are capable of causing property damage or personal injury if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the aircraft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

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The Honorable Henry B. Gonzalez
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
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There are at least three hobby shops in this district that would be directly and adversely affected by such a ruling.

Such action would be intolerable and not balanced by any consideration for other business. I urge you to communicate to the FCC my objection to this new rule.

Thank you,

Greg Dickerson

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Tom Grecks

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Thank you,

Michael A. Howell

Please note that there several commercial uses of RC aircraft that would also be affected.

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United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

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RE: Federal Communications Commission, PR Docket 92-235

Dear Mr. Gonzales:

I have participated in the radio controlled model airplane hobby for over 30 years. I am a member of several hobby related organizations, both local and national, and am an active operator of radio controlled aircraft.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are under consideration by the FCC with the above cited PR Docket number. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use, and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes. Rule changes initiated in by the FCC 1991 had a profound impact on R/C modelers in that all equipment manufactured prior to that date became obsolete, requiring the purchase of new equipment, or the upgrading of old equipment at a very high cost to the modeler. The proposed changes would likewise make all present equipment obsolete and impose new and unrealistic costs on those who already have a large investment in R/C equipment.

R/C radio frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band which is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. With the bandwidth separation now in use there has been little or no interference between users. If the FCC creates more frequencies by splitting current ones into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan, the resulting scheme will force R/C frequencies closer to mobile land frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. In addition, I understand that under the new proposals the number of assigned frequencies for R/C operation will be reduced from 50 to 19.

The R/C community goes to extreme lengths to assure safety of flight operations for the sake of the operators, spectators, bystanders and the protection of property. Many of the safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the R/C frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is reduced as proposed, the remaining frequencies, of which there are now barely enough, will become overly congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased. Please understand that many model airplanes have wingspans up to 10 feet and weights of as much as 30 pounds, and are capable of causing property damage.

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for the FCC to seek more frequencies at the expense of the radio control modelers just give more frequencies to land mobile operators. The FCC may not think the R/C operators are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself.

Please do not change the FCC frequency regulations that now apply to R/C aircraft, or other types of models.

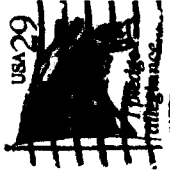
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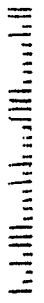
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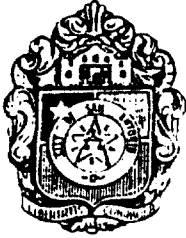
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CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

LYNDA BILLA BURKE
COUNCILWOMAN
DISTRICT 3

February 11, 1993

U.S. Rep Frank Tejeda
323 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative: *Frank*

I greatly appreciate your assistance with local issues in the past, and hope that you can offer some assistance with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and PR Docket 92-235.

Many of my constituents are avid pilots, due largely to the many retired Air Force who live in San Antonio. These people have alerted me to look into the effect that this new rule would have on those who enjoy flying radio controlled model airplanes.

If adopted, the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model aircraft use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

The FCC now wants to allocate more land mobile dispatch frequencies by crowding out those frequencies used for the control of model aircraft. Model planes have a good safety record: if they did not, the hobby would simply not be viable.

Please help protect those concerned by not allowing the FCC to crowd out the current users in the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

Lynda Billa Burke
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February 3, 1993

The Honorable Frank Tejeda
323 Cannon HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Recently I have heard about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

This is a big concern for me for I have quite a bit invested in the sport of Radio Control Airplane Modeling. First I am a student in the field of Avionics. The experience of building and operating my own RC Airplanes has given me an added advantage in my studies. I also work in a hobby store that sells all types of RC models, and my main function is to sell and promote the exciting sport of RC Airplanes. The proposal of PR Docket 92-235 will hurt me financially as well. At this time I own five models and three radios. The financial amount I have spent and invested is well over \$4000. I can not even imagine the time invested in building and perfecting the actual flying. What did I do this for? The FCC to limit my use of RC and make me purchase new radios (in which my range in the \$400 area each). This is the reason I am asking for your help in voting NO to the proposal.

At this time we use the radio control frequencies in the 72 - 76 MHz band. This band is mainly used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. I have been told that of the fifty frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only nineteen frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted. Not only are the so close that the interference will be often, some are designated as "mobile", therefore we would never know when or where they are operating. This is the worst kind of interference!

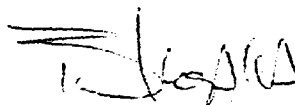
When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and to the protection of property. We carefully coordinate the use of our radio control frequencies. In fact we "impound" the radios which are not in use so no accidental interference may happen. If the number of useable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety greatly diminishes.

Imagine, one of my models, a three pound, 140 MPH bullet being "hit" with interference. I may lose control for only a few seconds but it might be long enough to do serious damage to the plane, surrounding property or maybe to a unknowing bystander. This craft is tiny to many of the models, which can have a wingspan of over ten feet. There are hundreds of organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate every year. We need the use of our full compliment of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

In conclusion I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of the land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business user of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal for the 72-76 MHz band, the PR docket 92-235.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Brian Kopka", with a stylized flourish above the name.

Brian Kopka

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